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The Chief Justice and
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LETTER IN LIEU OF FORMAL PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION

RE: State v. Marvin Mathis
Docket No.
App. Div. Docket No. A-3316-98T4

Your Honors:

This letter is being submitted in lieu of a formal petition for certification on behalf of defendant-petitioner in the above-captioned matter. Defendant disagrees with the decision of the Appellate Division, which affirmed the family court's decision to waive juvenile jurisdiction over him and affirmed the trial court's decision to admit improper and highly prejudicial hearsay evidence implicating defendant in murder. Defendant also disagrees with the Appellate Division's rejection of his arguments that prosecutorial misconduct warrants reversal of his convictions, and that his sentence was excessive.

Defendant relies on the arguments set forth his Appellate Division brief in support of this petition. Counsel respectfully reserves the right to supplement his argument, by appropriate motion, if certification is granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above case represents substantial questions which should be considered by this Court and is not filed for delay.

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